

10. The method as claimed in Claim 1, wherein the cationic electrodeposition coating composition (A) is a lead-free cationic electrodeposition coating composition further containing a bismuth-containing compound.

11. The method as claimed in Claim 10, wherein the bismuth-containing compound is selected from the group consisting of bismuth hydroxide, bismuth trioxide, bismuth nitrate, bismuth benzoate, bismuth citrate, bismuth oxycarbonate and bismuth silicate.

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12. The method as claimed in Claim 10, wherein the bismuth-containing compound is in the form of a water-dispersed paste prepared by mixing and dispersing in the presence of a dispersing agent into an aqueous medium a water-insoluble bismuth compound and an aliphatic carboxylic acid represented by the formula:  
 $R_1C(H)(OR_2)(CH_2)_nCOOH$ , wherein  $R_1$  is hydrogen atom or an alkyl group having 1 to 3 carbon atoms,  $R_2$  is hydrogen atom or an alkyl group having 1 to 10 carbon atoms and  $n$  is 0 or 1, and containing therein an aliphatic carboxylic acid-modified bismuth compound in a water-insoluble state.

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